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1. On 5 September 1951, no Soviet personnel, telephone cables or motor vehicles were seen at the Myrtl Orphanage in Moedling (O 49/X 37), which would indicate that the building was occupied by a headquarters. Moreover, there was no sentry standing in front of the building. Nine trucks, [redacted] and five armored scout cars stood in the yard. The scout cars had two axles and mounted two spare wheels on the slanting backs. The turrets were irregular six-cornered structures. [redacted]

Two groups each of 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in basic training on the athletic field behind the quarters. Ambulance [redacted] occupied by a lieutenant with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia, and weapon carrier [redacted] occupied by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were parked in front of the orphanage.

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2. Two Soviet officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the yard of the former automobile and aircraft engine factory on Gabrielerstrasse. [redacted] a motor vehicle shed capable of sheltering about 10 vehicles and a small tool shed, which had not been seen there prior to early August 1951. *

* Comment.

Information on the two military quarters of early August 1951 vaguely indicated that the Hq 13th Ods -ocz Div, which was transferred from Vienna at the end of July 1951, might have moved into those buildings in Moedling. The belief was supported by the observation of preparations made in Moedling to this effect.

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